

ARKANSAS FARM REPORT

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ARKANSAS FARMS AND RANCHES DOWN 1 PERCENT

The number of farms in Arkansas in 2000 is estimated at 48,000, a decrease of 500, or 1 percent, from 1999. Total land in farms, at 14.6 million acres, was down 50,000 acres. The average farm size increased 2 acres from 302 acres in 1999 to 304 acres.

The number of farms in the economic sales class between \$1,000 and \$9,999 decreased 500 farms during 2000. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 group increased 500, and the \$100,000 and over sales class was down 500 from 1999.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE FARM SIZE, 1999-2000

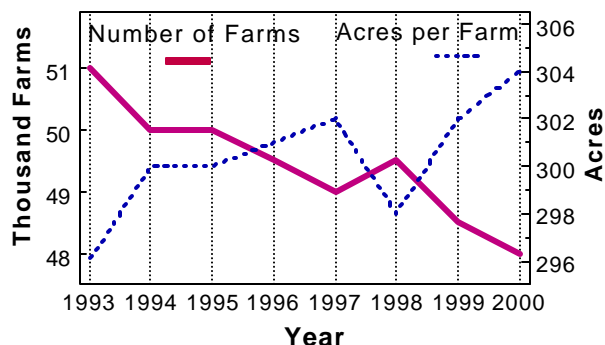
State	Number of Farms			Land in Farms			Average Farm Size		
	1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Percent</i>
ARKANSAS	48,500	48,000	-1	14,650	14,600	0	302	304	+1
Louisiana	30,000	29,500	-2	8,150	8,100	-1	275	275	0
Mississippi	43,000	43,000	0	11,400	11,100	-3	258	258	0
Missouri	110,000	109,000	-1	30,100	30,000	0	274	275	0
Oklahoma	84,000	85,000	+1	34,000	34,000	0	400	400	0
Tennessee	91,000	90,000	-1	11,900	11,700	-2	131	130	-1
Texas	227,000	226,000	0	130,500	130,000	0	575	575	0
U. S.	2,192,070	2,172,080	-1	947,440	942,990	0	432	434	0

FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES, REGION, ARKANSAS AND U.S., 2000

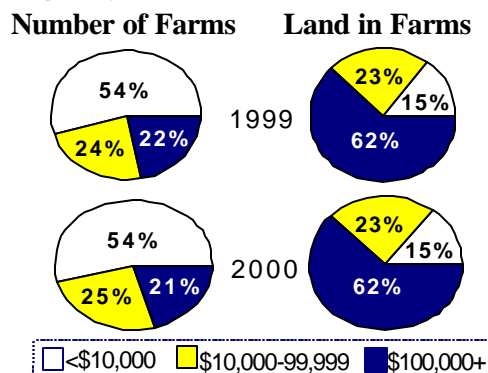
Region/State	ECONOMIC SALES CLASS					
	\$1,000-\$9,999		\$10,000-\$99,999		\$100,000+	
	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Number of Farms	Land in Farms
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
South 1/ ARKANSAS	601,500 26,000	60,898 2,100	227,220 12,000	96,607 3,400	89,280 10,000	124,875 9,100
Northeast 2/ N. Central 3/ West 4/ U.S.	74,000 333,800 164,350 1,173,650	5,470 32,500 28,816 127,684	38,000 297,200 86,930 649,350	5,900 106,700 76,885 286,092	22,000 183,800 54,000 349,080	8,880 214,200 181,259 529,214

1/ AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, TN, TX, VA and WV. 2/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT. 3/ IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI. 4/ AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, and WY.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size Arkansas, 1993-2000



Percentages by Sales Class, Arkansas, 1999-2000



ANNUAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION AND CATTLE SLAUGHTER DOWN

During 2000, ARKANSAS Commercial red meat production (beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton) totaled 55.8 million pounds, down 20 percent from 1999. Cattle slaughter totaled 16,500 head, 24 percent below 1999, with federally inspected slaughter comprising 70 percent of the total.

Calf slaughter totaled 300 head, compared to 1,000 head a year ago. There were 48 slaughtering plants in Arkansas on January 1, 2001, compared with 51 in 2000. Of these, 23 were under federal inspection (including 7 that slaughtered goats during 2000), and 25 non-federally inspected plants.

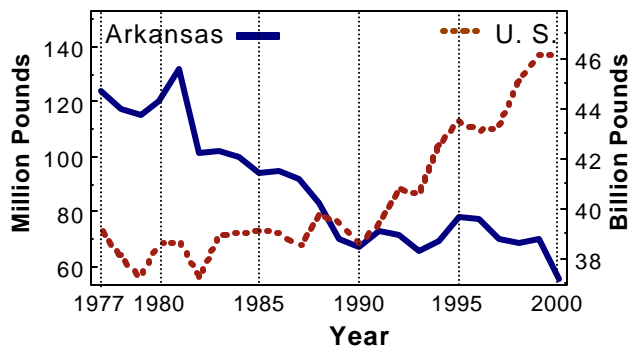
ANNUAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION AND LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 1999-2000

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Red Meat Production 1/	Million Pounds	69.8	55.8 ^{6/}	-20	46,130.3	46,151.4 ^{7/}	0
Cattle Slaughter Total 2/	1,000 Head	21.8	16.5 ^{6/}	-24	36,149.9	36,246.2	0
Federally Inspected	1,000 Head	15.5	11.5	-26	35,486.3	35,631.4	0
Total Live Weight	1,000 Pounds	19,041	16,569	-13	43,726,863	44,200,615	+1
Average Live Weight 3/	Pounds	874	1,004	+15	1,210	1,219	+1
Calf Slaughter Total 2/	1,000 Head	1.0	0.3	-70	1,281.9	1,131.6	-12
Federally Inspected	1,000 Head	5/	5/	-	1,251.4	1,088.5	-13
Total Live Weight	1,000 Pounds	444	122	-73	372,628	357,137	-4
Average Live Weight 3/	Pounds	461	403	-13	291	316	+9
Hog Slaughter Total 2/	1,000 Head	5/	5/	-	101,544.2	97,975.9	-4
Federally Inspected	1,000 Head	5/	5/	-	99,738.7	96,436.0	-3
Total Live Weight	1,000 Pounds	5/	5/	-	26,256,256	25,660,135	-2
Average Live Weight 3/	Pounds	5/	5/	-	259	262	+1
Slaughter Plants Total 4/	Number	51	48	-6	3,265	3,251	0

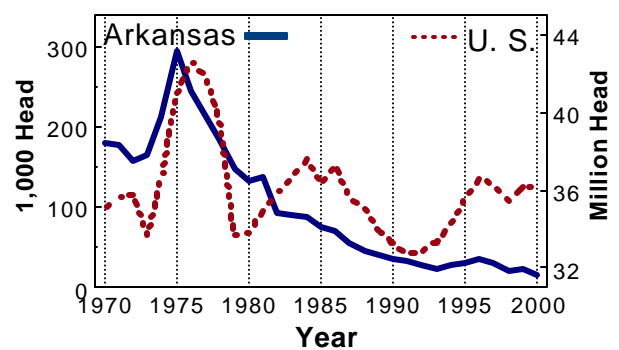
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4/ Reference date is January 1 of following year. 5/ Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations, but are still included in U.S. total. 6/ Record low. 7/ Record high.

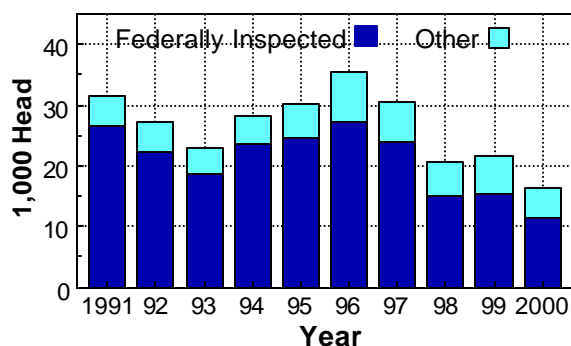
**Annual Red Meat Production
Arkansas and U.S., 1977-2000**



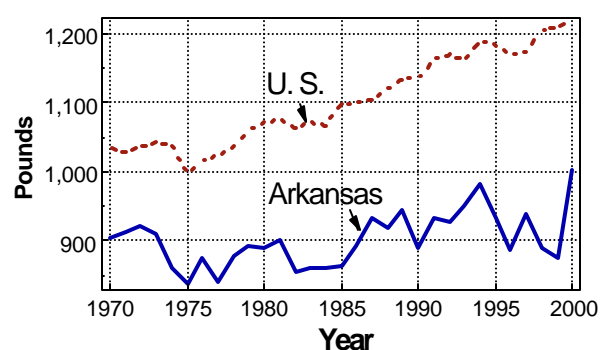
**Annual Cattle Slaughter
Arkansas and U.S., 1970-2000**



**Annual Cattle Slaughter by Plant Type
Arkansas, 1991-2000**



**Average Live Weight of Cattle Slaughtered
Arkansas and U.S., 1970-2000**



ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK PRICES UP FROM FEBRUARY

Compared with February 2001, the March prices received by Arkansas farmers for products sold were higher for wheat, and all classes of livestock; while prices decreased for cotton, grain sorghum, and soybeans.

The March 2001 price changes from February 2001 and March 2001, respectively, are as follows:

Cotton: down 0.1 cent and up 8.3 cents per pound.

Sorghum: down 16 cents per cwt. from February 2001.

Soybeans: down 17 cents, and down 51 cents per bushel.

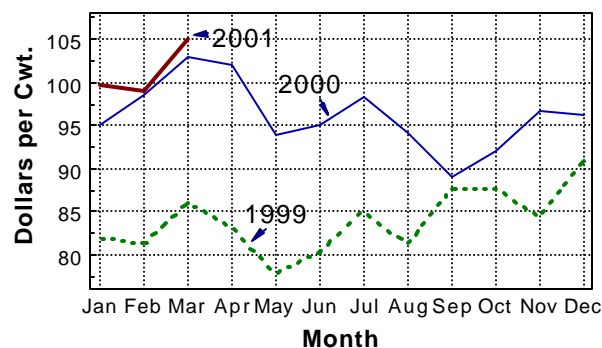
Wheat: up 10 cents, and up 26 cents per bushel. **Beef**

cattle: up \$1.50, and down 20 cents per cwt. **Calves:** up

\$6.00, and up \$2.00 per cwt. **Hogs:** up \$6.30, and up \$3.60

per cwt. **Table Eggs:** unchanged, and up 9 cents.

**Price Received for Calves by Month
Arkansas, 1999-2000**



MID-MARCH PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, AND MARKETINGS, WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES			Parity Prices Mar. 2001
		Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001	Mid- Mar. 2001	Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001	Mid- Mar. 2001	
PRICES RECEIVED 1/		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.03	1.96*	1.91	6.61
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	.431	.515*	.514	.477	.491*	.496	1.68
Cottonseed	Ton	-	-	-	-	114.00	-	255.00
Hay, All (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	74.80	86.80	87.20	
Hay, Alfalfa (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	77.70	94.20	93.70	
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.28	1.27*	1.25	3.78
Rice, All 2/	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.71	5.72*	5.70	27.00
Sorghum Grain	Cwt.	-	3.66*	3.50	3.21	3.48*	3.42	11.30
Soybeans	Bu.	4.94	4.60*	4.43	4.91	4.46*	4.29	14.40
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.31	2.47*	2.57	2.59	2.83*	2.89	9.69
LIVESTOCK								
Calves	Cwt.	103.00	99.00*	105.00	109.00	109.00*	111.00	209.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	68.40	66.70*	68.20	69.80	74.80*	77.00	159.00
Cows 4/	Cwt.	35.60	42.00*	43.00	39.00	42.70*	43.20	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	83.80	77.30*	79.00	73.40	78.90*	81.10	
Milk Cows 5/	Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hogs, All	Cwt.	38.50	35.80*	42.10	41.70	39.10*	45.10	103.00
DAIRY 6/								
Milk Sold to Plants, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.90	13.00*	13.60	32.20
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.00	13.10	13.70	
Milk, Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.10	11.10	11.80	
POULTRY								
Broilers (Com'l) 7/ 8/	Lb.	-	-	-	.349	.370	.400	
Eggs (Table)	Doz.	.280	.370	.370	.382	.509	.518	1.56
Turkeys 7/	Lb.	.400	.370	.370	.382	.363	.371	.962
MARKETINGS 9/					Mar. 2000	Jan. 2001	Feb. 2001	
Cotton, Upland	1,000 Bales	-	-	-	532	1,513	696	
Rice	1,000 cwt.	-	-	-	11,714	15,068	12,296	

Commodities with no data are not estimated or published for the month. *Revised for full month price. 1/ Previous month and previous year prices for the entire month. Current mid-month prices are preliminary. 2/ Arkansas price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct. 6/ Arkansas estimates discontinued January 2000. 7/ Live weight equivalent price. 8/ Monthly estimates for individual state discontinued December 1999. 9/ Published for U.S. entire month only.

FEBRUARY LAYERS AND EGGS, AND CHICKS HATCHED, 2000-2001

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2000	2001	% Chg.	2000	2001	% Chg.
Egg Production Total	<i>Million Eggs</i>	286	278	-3	6,648	6,519	-2
Table Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	109	106	-3	5,625	5,512	-2
Hatching Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	177	172	-3	1,023	1,007	-2
All Layers 1/	<i>Thousands</i>	15,483	15,578	+1	329,843	335,538	+2
Eggs per 100 Layers 2/	<i>Number</i>	1,847	1,785	-3	2,016	1,943	-4
Chicks Hatched:							
Egg Type	<i>Thousands</i>	628	986	+57	35,491	38,198	+8
Broiler Type	<i>Thousands</i>	103,038	96,511	-6	700,967	670,498	-4

1/ Includes all layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

2/ Eggs produced per 100 layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION, CATTLE AND HOG SLAUGHTER, 2000 - 2001

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2000	2001	% Chg.	2000	2001	% Chg.
Red Meat Production 1/	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	5.4	4.0*	-25 ^{3/}	3,770.7	3,401.7	-10
Cattle Slaughter Total 2/	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.6	1.2*	-25	2,936.9	2,580.0	-12
Federally Inspected	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.1	0.9	-18	2,882.6	2,532.5	-12
Total Live Weight	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	1,564	1,183	-24	3,598,133	3,141,619	-13
Average Live Weight 3/	<i>Lbs.</i>	1,002	992	-1	1,225	1,218	-1
Hog Slaughter Total 2/	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,076.9	7,603.5	-6
Federally Inspected	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	7,954.8	7,491.1	-6
Total Live Weight	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	2,112,676	2,005,293	-5
Average Live Weight	<i>Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	262	264	+1

* Record low for March. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. 2/ Excludes slaughter on farms. 3/ Based on unrounded data. 4/ Arkansas data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations, but still included in the U.S. total.

Arkansas calf, and sheep slaughter data are also not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

February 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays in February 2000.